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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Independent Claims | 4 | 3 | t | \$100.00 = | \$100.00 |
| | | Multiple dependent claims newly presented | | | \$0.00 |
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